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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-23 (cancelled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): ~~The device of claim 14, further~~ A sizing device that is adapted to be coupled to a prepared end of a femur, comprising: a body having a bottom surface; a movable cradle assembly including a cross-member, a plurality of shafts slidingly coupling said cross-member to said body, and a stylus operatively coupled to said cross-member; and a plurality of individually positionable drill guides coupled to said body.

Claim 25 (original): The device of claim 24, wherein each of said drill guides is adapted to provide a guide for a femur post hole to be formed in a femur.

Claim 26 (original): The device of claim 24, wherein each of said individually positionable drill guides is positioned on a movable body that is positioned in a recess formed in a top surface of said body.

Claims 27-32 (cancelled)

Claim 33 (currently amended): ~~The device of claim 27, further~~ A sizing device that is adapted to be coupled to a prepared end of a femur, comprising: a body having a bottom surface; a stylus having a tip; means for moving said tip in a direction that is approximately perpendicular to a plane containing said bottom surface of said body; and a plurality of individually positionable drill guides coupled to said body.

Claim 34 (original): A device that is adapted to be coupled to a prepared surface of a femur, comprising: a body having a bottom surface; an opening formed in said body; a movable tube positioned in said body; and a retractable nail at least partially positioned within said tube,

said nail having a shoulder, said nail being adapted to be urged to a position such that an end of said nail extends beyond said bottom surface of said body.

Claim 35 (original): The device of claim 34, further comprising a retaining ring positioned in a recess formed in said body adjacent said bottom surface of said body, said ring being adapted to engage a bottom surface of said shoulder on said nail.

Claim 36 (original): The device of claim 34, wherein said tube has an internal shoulder that is adapted to engage an upper surface of said shoulder on said nail.

Claim 37 (original): The device of claim 34, wherein said tube has an external shoulder that is adapted to engage an internal shoulder formed in said opening in said body.

Claim 38 (original): The device of claim 34, further comprising a plurality of individually positionable drill guides coupled to said body.

Claim 39 (original): The device of claim 38, wherein each of said drill guides is adapted to provide a guide for a femur post hole to be formed in a femur.

Claim 40 (original): The device of claim 38, wherein each of said individually positionable drill guides is positioned on a movable body that is positioned in a recess formed in a top surface of said body.

Claim 41 (original): A device that is adapted to be coupled to a prepared surface of a femur, comprising: a body having a bottom surface; an opening formed in said body, said opening having an internal shoulder; a movable tube positioned in said opening in said body, said tube having an internal shoulder and an external shoulder; and a retractable nail at least partially positioned within said tube, said nail having a shoulder with a top surface and a bottom surface, said nail being adapted to be urged to a position such that an end of said nail extends beyond said bottom surface of said body, wherein said top surface of said shoulder on said nail is adapted to engage said internal shoulder on said tube, and said external shoulder on said tube is adapted to engage said internal shoulder of said opening.

Claim 42 (original): The device of claim 41, further comprising a retaining ring positioned in a recess formed in said body adjacent said bottom surface of said body, said ring being adapted to engage said bottom surface of said shoulder on said nail.

Claim 43 (original): The device of claim 41, further comprising a plurality of individually positionable drill guides coupled to said body.

Claim 44 (original): The device of claim 43, wherein each of said drill guides is adapted to provide a guide for a femur post hole to be formed in a femur.

Claim 45 (original): The device of claim 43, wherein each of said individually positionable drill guides is positioned on a movable body that is positioned in a recess formed in a top surface of said body.

Claims 46-51 (cancelled)

Claim 52 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~[[49]]~~ 57 wherein, said femoral implant ~~drill~~ sizing guide further comprises ~~a plurality of individually positionable femur post hole guides~~ a sizing guide having: a body having a bottom surface; and a movable stylus with a tip; wherein after said drill guide is attached to said prepared surface of said femur, and wherein the method further comprises: moving said tip of said stylus in both a direction that is approximately perpendicular to a plane containing said bottom surface of said sizing guide and in a direction that is approximately parallel to said plane containing said bottom surface to position said tip of said stylus at a location proximate an anterior cortex region of said femur; and determining a size of a femoral knee prosthesis to be positioned on said femur positioning said individually positionable femur post hole guides at a desired location; and drilling femur post holes in said femur through said individually positionable post hole guides.

Claim 53-55 (cancelled)

Claim 56 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~[[53]]~~ 57, wherein said femoral implant drill sizing guide further comprises a plurality of individually positionable femur post hole guides a sizing guide having: a body having a bottom surface; a cradle assembly, comprising: a cross-member; and a plurality of shafts slidingly coupling said cross-member to said body; and a movable stylus operatively coupled to said cross-member, said stylus having a tip; wherein after said sizing guide is attached to said prepared surface of said femur, and wherein the method further comprises: moving said cross-member relative to said body to thereby move said tip of said stylus in a direction that is approximately parallel to a plane containing said bottom surface of said sizing guide to position said tip of said stylus at a location proximate an anterior cortex of said femur; and determining a size of a femoral knee prosthesis to be positioned on said femur; ~~positioning said individually positionable femur post hole guides at a desired location; and drilling femur post holes in said femur through said individually positionable post hole guides.~~

Claim 57 (original): A method, comprising: making an incision in a patient's knee; attaching a femoral implant drill guide to a prepared surface of a femur of said patient, said drill guide having a plurality of individually positionable femur post hole drill guides; individually positioning at least one of said femur post hole drill guides at a desired location; and drilling femur post holes in said femur through said individually positioned post hole guides.

Claim 58 (original): The method of claim 57, wherein each of said individually positionable femur post hole drill guides is positionable for locating said femur post holes at a neutral or a 3 degree external rotation position.

Claim 59 (original): The method of claim 57, wherein both of said individually positionable femur post hole guides are positioned at a desired location.